

**Dr. Jose Fierro**  
**President's Message**  
**September 15, 2017**

Dear Colleagues,

Please read our state chancellors update on [DACA](#). Please let me know if you have any questions and feel free to share this information with our students.

Thanks!

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Dear Students,

Earlier today, the Trump Administration announced the Department of Homeland Security will begin phasing out the program known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) by March 5, 2018 and has urged Congress to replace the current policy with new legislation. There are many questions that remain unclear as to what happens next.

In light of the President's decision, I want to reassure all of you Cerritos College stands in solidarity for all students, regardless of your immigration status. The President's decision does not impact students under AB 540 and recipients of the California Dream Act. These policies are protected under California law and reaffirms California's commitment to our students. We understand that this decision will impact many of you and your families and we will do everything we can to support you during this tumultuous time.

- I strongly encourage you to stay enrolled in school. If you are working, maintain your employment, and do not jeopardize your current status.
- [The Chancellor's Office has developed a helpful website related to DACA/undocumented students.](#)
- Faculty members from the Counseling Department will be contacting affected students directly regarding support resources.
- If you need immediate assistance, please contact Counseling Department faculty members Lynn Wang ([lwang@cerritos.edu](mailto:lwang@cerritos.edu)) or by phone at (562) 860-2451 x2408, or Rosa Carrillo ([rcarrillo@cerritos.edu](mailto:rcarrillo@cerritos.edu)) or by phone at (562) 860-2451 x2123.

Cerritos College remains a safe campus to learn and thrive, adhering to the belief our diversity drives our student success. We stand with you and will continue to fight for the dream.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any of the College's staff.

Sincerely,  
Jose

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